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Dear Ben,

The enclosed copy of my today's letter to FBI Director Sessions about his recent letter to the Post actually understates. On perjury alone not one of my many FOIA lawsuits was without perjury. That abuse in one of my earliest cases is what led the Congress to amend the investigatory files exemption to open such files and you ought recall the many outrageous files disclosed as a result.

The CISPES case is one of a simply enormous number of contrived bases for FBI investigation when it really wanted to investigate for wrongful political reasons.

Even in the figure of the Klan the Block cartoon was not at all unfair.

The Post was indifferent when I sent copies of the ironclad and undenied proof of perjury, fraud and misrepresentation I refer to. Had the papers not ignored such abuses the country and its law enforcement would have been better off and the widespread practise of official felonies not encouraged.

Beginning with the present attorney general.

To one as familiar with FBI and DJ practises as I have become from the examination of most of the more than a third of a million pages of records I got under FOIA it was obvious that Meese was lying at his press conference for Reagan announcing the Iran/Contra scandal. Now if is public knowledge that his knowledge was much earlier. However, when this had not yet come to light I knew immediately that he'd lied about his right to conduct an investigation - he said he didn't have the right and it would have been wrong - from J. Edgar Hoover's Warren Commission testimony. I sent the enclosed pages of it to the Post, among others, and nobody cared. This is how Meese gave time for the shredding and covering up.

I am at a loss to explain the reluctance to report what by traditional standards is news. Even when one persistent man, in Andy Jackson's phrase, made the system work and FOIA was amended that was not news. It was reported only once, years later, when George Lardner was in the courtroom and heard Judge Gesell say it. He ~~made~~ may remember it.

A conspicuous example of the presidential investigations, without law enforcement purpose that Hoover refers to at the bottom of the page (98, Volume 5) is the massive JFK assassination investigation, still an active case with that classification. Can you imagine the difference if Meese had not then and since gotten away with his very big lie?

Sincerely,

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